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ORGANIZATION

Of Retail Merchants And Business Men Formed.

Business and professional men of LANCASTER, including retail merchants, bankers, lawyers, doctors and others interested in the betterment of our city, formed an organization at a meeting last Thursday night at the Court House. The name of the organization will be decided on at a called meeting to be held next Monday night, March 21, at eight o'clock in the County Court room. Other matters pertaining to the organization of the greatest importance will be considered. Judge L. L. Walker will make a talk on the benefits to be derived from such an organization.

The meeting was called last Thursday night by A. D. Joseph to hear a talk by George T. Holmes, of Louisville, secretary of the Retailers Association of Kentucky, on present day commercial problems and business conditions.

There were about twenty-five of the representative citizens and business men of Lancaster present. Mr. Holmes said that business conditions throughout the country were rapidly assuming better shape and expressed optimism for the future. He said all indications pointed to a steady recovery of business but said that we could not hope for a return of the boom period that prevailed in 1919 at least for a year or two.

The point was brought out that more than \$1,000,000 is now on deposit in the three banks of Lancaster and an additional half million in the other banks of the county as well as a great deal of cash which people carried with them or kept in their own home.

At the conclusion of this talk a motion was made by J. R. Haselden and seconded by W. A. Farnau that some sort of local organization be formed. The motion was carried after which A. D. Joseph was elected chairman; W. A. Farnau, vice chairman and Paul Elliott, secretary.

It was decided to hold regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday of every month. The next meeting, however, will be a special meeting called for next Monday night at eight o'clock. Every business man of the city is expected to join the organization if he is interested in the improvement of his town. If he is not so interested, according to opinions expressed at the meeting, he should hunt up some other town in which to live where he will have agreeable company in letting the moss grow over his grave.

In order to give an opportunity to those who were prevented from attending the meeting to become charter members of the organization, a special committee was appointed composed of J. F. Holtzclaw, W. R. Bastin and W. B. Mason. This is a live committee, it is felt, and all three men made it known at the meeting last Thursday that they would not accept a single refusal to line up with this progressive movement for the benefit of our city.

SPECIAL AGENTS

Spend Week-end With Local Agent, Miss Syler.

Miss Lullie Logan, District Home Demonstration Agent, from College of Agriculture, Lexington, spent the past week with Miss Joyce Syler, Home Demonstration Agent, visiting the Junior Agricultural Clubs at Buckeye, Paint Lick, Manse, Bryansville, Mt. Hebron and Buena Vista.

Mr. Chapin, Poultry Specialist, from College of Agriculture, spent Friday with Miss Syler. He talked to the girls and boys of the Lancaster Seventh and Eighth Grades, after which he inspected Mrs. T. D. O'Hearn's flock of Barred Plymouth Rocks, Lexington pike; Mr. H. V. Ramsey's S. C. R. L. Reds, Manse and Mrs. Jas. Burnside's White Plymouth Rocks, Richmond pike. These flocks all met the approval of the College of Agriculture at Lexington.

Notice.

All Ex-SERVICE men of Garrard County are asked and urged to be present at a call meeting of the AMERICAN LEGION, SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 2 P. M. at the I. O. O. F. Hall in Lancaster.

Please use every effort to be present.

HISTORIC TREE

Found In Yard Of Lancaster Resident.

Ginkgo Tree Presented To Dr. O. P. Hill By Henry Clay Is One Of Three Brought To This Country By Japan Ambassador

Few of our citizens are aware that we have in our city a rare and historic tree. About 1850 Henry Clay brought from Washington to his home in Lexington three Ginkgo trees probably given to him by the Ambassador from Japan. He presented them to three friends. Several articles in newspapers and booklets have appeared within the past ten years in which it has been stated that two of the three have been located one in Frankfort and one in Louisville, and wondering what had become of the third. It happens that the third has been found in Lancaster and stands in the Dr. O. P. Hill yard on Lexington street, now owned by J. R. Haselden.



A communication from Mrs. Charles Walter, the only child of the late Dr. Hill, states that she had heard her father mention many times the history of the Ginkgo tree in his yard. While attending a lecture at the Transylvania Medical College at Lexington he became acquainted with Mr. Clay whom he admired very much. Clay gave him the tree which the Doctor planted with his own hands in his front yard.

This tree is now 45 feet high, and has a circumference of 61 inches, 18 inches above ground. Had this not been shaded by the adjacent pines it would probably have been considerably larger. The body and bark have the characteristic appearance of the pine. The leaves are fan shaped and ribbed and have a peculiar green color. Hillenmeyer says it is allied to the pine family and on close examination "you will note the absorbed pine needles bound together in a solid leaf. It is of Asiatic origin and carries with it the indescribable oriental appearance in the branches and leaves, character of growth and color of bark."

This quaint tree is the sacred tree of Japan and every temple has one or more adjacent.

The Ginkgo trees in Frankfort and Louisville bear berries that resemble red cherries from which the tree propagates, but the one in Lancaster has never borne fruit, undoubtedly because it is of the male variety.

This is not the only rare and interesting tree in our city. The late W. H. Kinnaird, who was a lover of trees, had a "Yellow Wood Tree" (Virginia Lutea) in his front yard on Danville Street, which is still standing and bears a profusion of beautiful yellow blossoms. In a letter written twenty years ago by Owen Wistar in reply to an inquiry, stated that he had heard of only a few of the trees of this class in the United States; there being a few on Kentucky River, two in Tennessee and three in Pennsylvania, one of which was in his yard on Chestnut Street in Philadelphia.

The Kinnaird tree came from Kentucky river cliffs. Dr. Hill and Allan A. Burton each had one from the same source but both trees died.

In J. E. Dickerson's yard may be found two young Ginkgo trees that came from Lexington several years ago and are growing slowly.

We hope our citizens may become interested in planting trees to replace the old ones that are being destroyed ruthlessly and which will take a generation to replace. For every tree destroyed two should be planted. In this way our country will be saved from deforestation.

Obelisk Flour is the best flour made at any price. Try a sack today. We deliver in town. Hudson & Farnau.

DEADLOCKED

"Non-Partisan" Board Of Education Disagree.

The "Non-Partisan" Board of Education have met on two different occasions and each time have failed to agree on the successor to Mr. John Wynn, who died a few weeks ago, and who was one of the members elected at the November election last fall.

Two of the members think, and have the support of a number of their friends, that Mr. Wynn's widow should be tendered the place, but the other two members think differently, and are supporting the candidacy of Mr. Noah Marsee, Jr., of Bryansville. From what can be gathered from outside sources, the split is not really over the successor of Mr. Wynn, but as his successor will in all probability cast the vote that will name the next County Superintendent, it is this juicy plum that has split the four present members of the board. It is understood that the two members who are supporting Mr. Marsee's candidacy, favor the appointment of Prof. James Abner, of Buena Vista, for the superintendency, while the other two are said to favor Mr. Mack Morgan, Garrard county's ex-representative.

In the meantime Miss Jennie Higgins, who has made an ideal superintendent, is still holding down the job, and will until next January or until her successor is appointed. The appointment of Miss Higgins, would be a very happy solution of the whole affair, and we can't see why this "non-partisan" board don't appoint her.

People Should Draft Him.

With the recent action of the democrats of Garrard county in endorsing Hon. C. A. Hardin for reelection as Judge of this Judicial District the Interior Journal is in full accord. While Judge Hardin has not announced his intention of becoming a candidate for reelection we feel that we can safely say that the great majority of Lincoln county people, regardless of age, sex, color or previous condition of servitude, earnestly desire that he shall do so. No one has a stronger hold on the people of Lincoln county than Judge Hardin and he well merits this esteem for he has been weighed in balance and not found wanting in any of the elements that make a model judge and a high-class gentleman. His record as a judge ranks with the best in the state, judging by the number of his decisions that are affirmed by the Court of Appeals, and he is entitled to an endorsement not only on account of his uniform courtesy and kindness to all who go before his court whether as litigant or attorney. If Judge Hardin does not announce for reelection, the people should draft him.—Interior Journal.

Circuit Court Convened Last Monday.

Judge Hardin lost very little time in convening the March term of the Garrard Circuit Court last Monday, which seems to be a dull one with a light docket before it. Both grand jury and petit jury were easily secured and thirty minutes after the court convened the docket was being called and cases set for trial. Circuit clerk James Wood, takes to his job like a duck to water and with the kind assistance of M. C. Newland, Lincoln's capable clerk last Monday, his work started off smoothly.

The grand jury had hardly been in session an hour, before it ordered sheriff Walker to summon before it about 700 delinquent dog owners, who have failed to pay the taxes required by law. They are ordered to appear next Monday at which time it will re-convene.

The following is the make up of the two juries:

Grand Jury
J. M. Bell, Zack Hester, L. M. McQuery, W. T. Doolin, Leslie Sebastian, Hogan Ballard, foreman, Charlie Ballew, A. McKnight, Thomas King, W. M. Humphrey, R. L. Barker and Jack Adams.

Petit Jury
Virgil Conn, Curtis Fothergill, J. B. Conn, M. B. Walker, W. M. Ledford, Ben Wood, Dave Rankin, Sr., George D. Robinson, Martin Broglio, G. T. Brown, S. H. Estes, George B. Todd, H. G. King, W. M. Jennings, Robert Palmer, Sam Speake, R. L. Rose, Frank Estes, D. S. Swope, Henry Arnold, S. L. Baird, W. T. Sutton, Henry Tankersley, A. J. Rice.

HUGHES

Captures "Wounded" Whale.

Action Causes "Drastic" Resolution By Rockcastle Fishing Club.

Press dispatches from Ft. Meyers, Fla., gives the following account of the exploits of Sausley Hughes, of this place who with his family have been wintering at this famous Southern resort:

"Lee Mason, of Maywood, Ky., and F. S. Hughes, of Lancaster, Ky., winter residents here, capped the climax of a winter-long series of unusual fishing adventures and feats by 'finding' a whale and having the mammal towed ashore.

"The two Kentuckians, fishing in lower San Carlos bay, sighted the whale which had lost its way and was aground in the shallows and sand bars about a mile off Sanibel island lighthouse. A deep gash in the whale's back and side indicated that it had been in a collision with a vessel. It was in its death throes when sighted.

All the efforts of a powerfully engaged fishing boat were unavailing to drag the whale to the shallows, and finally Mason and Hughes called one of the deep sea fishing boats of the Ocean Leather Company, which has a plant on Sanibel island. The big boat pulled the whale into deep water and it was towed to the plant.

By careful measurement the whale was found to be thirty-eight feet and eight inches long. At first it was believed to be a giant backfish, but experts of the Ocean Leather Company showed it to be a real whale."

The above dispatch was brought to the notice of the Rockcastle Fishing Club, of which Mr. Hughes is (or rather was) one of its most popular members. The conduct of this Kentucky fisherman in taking advantage of a "wounded" whale and one that was so helpless as to wash ashore, was severely criticised by the members of the club, which resulted in "drastic" action being taken by the club at a meeting of its entire membership Tuesday morning.

The result of this meeting was the unanimous expulsion of Mr. Hughes from the club, with a heavy penalty attached, if he ever attempted to detail the account of the capture, to any of the club members.

Mr. Hughes was notified of his "expulsion" in the following telegram sent him Tuesday evening:

Lancaster, Ky.
March 15th., 1921.

F. S. Hughes.

Ft. Meyers, Fla.
"At a full meeting of the Rockcastle Fishing Club, held this day, you were expelled for conduct unbecoming a Kentucky fisherman, according to the press dispatches, in taking a thirty-eight foot wounded whale, that had previously washed ashore. Above action ordered printed in Central Record."

W. R. Kelley, John M. Farra
R. L. Elkin, R. E. McRoberts
W. B. Dickerson, J. A. Beazley
L. G. Davidson, J. L. Gill
E. B. Bourland, H. S. Hudson.

EXAMINATION HELD

Three Take Tax Test.

Messrs. D. C. Sanders, A. T. Scott and W. A. Doty, took the examination for Tax Commissioner, before County Attorney G. C. Walker last Monday.

Messrs. Sanders and Scott are announced candidates for the democratic and republican nomination, subject to the action of the August primary.

No person can be elected County Tax Commissioner without taking this examination, as required by law. He must be up on the following subjects: Experience as an assessor, revenue laws of the state, geography of the county, elementary training and business experience. He must make a grade of 75 per cent.

New Elevator.

Mr. J. F. Holtzclaw is having erected this week, a modern elevator in his furniture store, which will prove quite convenient in handling his large stock.

The Woman's Club met Thursday afternoon at the rooms on Lexington avenue. Mrs. R. E. McRoberts called the house to order and after the business session, Mrs. W. B. Burton had charge of the program. Hon. Green Clay Walker gave a talk on the county and city government. About fourteen members were present.

HERO'S BODY

To Be Returned To Paint Lick.

A telegram to his father, Mr. James A. Calico, announced that the body of Jesse Calico, would arrive in New York on March 18th., and would be forwarded to Paint Lick, arriving there about the 22nd., which will be next Tuesday.



Jesse Calico was one of the first boys to enlist from Garrard county and was among the first ones to lose his life on the field of battle. He arose to the rank of corporal and was killed in the attack on the Hindenburg line, September 29th., 1918.

Arrangements are being made by the local Legion boys, for the Herald Sanford Post to attend the burial services in a body and assist at these last sad rites.

JUICY PLUMS IN JEOPARDY.

Legality Of The Office Of County Oil Inspector Is Questioned By Suit.

The richest office in Jefferson county, that of Oil Inspector, has been placed in jeopardy by a suit filed in Federal Court attacking the constitutionality of the act creating the office of county oil inspector. The suit was brought against John T. King, County Attorney of Trigg county, and Denny P. Smith, Commonwealth's Attorney for the Third judicial district, by the Evansville Oil Company and seeks to enjoin the officers from bringing more suits against the oil company for shipping oil into the State without having it inspected. The officers had brought 103 suits against the company and were preparing 500 more when Judge Evans granted a temporary injunction preventing such action. It involves all oil inspectorships.

Three clauses in the Constitution of the United States are invoked by the oil company and three Federal judges will be required to sit on the case. Judge Evans has set March 17 as the day for a hearing on the question of granting a permanent injunction.

The petition charges that "the said act is not an act for the safety of the people of the State of Kentucky, but is in truth an act to raise revenue for the benefit of the oil inspectors of the various counties of the State."

The act provides for a fee of 10 cents a barrel for inspecting oil and according to the petition "the revenue derived under such conditions and retained by the inspectors is as high as \$20,000 a year and greatly exceeds the cost of the inspection."

The office in Jefferson county has been estimated at yielding net about \$12,000 a year. The position is now held by Roscoe Searcy, brother of Chesley Searcy.

Successful Sale.

The sale of Hampshire hogs, conducted by Messrs. Haselden and Aldridge, at their Crest Hill farm last Saturday was a decided success. About fifty head were sold, the bred sows and gilts averaging about \$46 a head.

These gentlemen are arranging to make this an annual affair, letting owners of other pure bred stock, combine with them, thus making perpetual a sale that will mean lots to the breeders of Garrard and adjoining counties. It has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that it pays to standardize your stock, using only the pure bred, let it be chickens, hogs, cattle or sheep.

UNITY IS AIM OF WEED GROWERS.

Seek Way To Hold The Crop.

Plans for an important meeting of leaders in the tobacco and farming industry of the State and nation through which it is hoped a solution for the State's tobacco market problems will be found, are being made by the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation in co-operation with all other farming organizations in the State, it was announced recently.

The meeting, which was suggested at a recent executive session of the federation by E. H. Woods, Pageville, president, will be held in the auditorium of The Seelbach at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 29.

Among the important steps that will be considered with a view to working out a definite plan for the growers and others in the marketing and handling of tobacco crops, are the formation of an organization to receive, handle and sell the weed, adoption of a system of United States tobacco bonded warehouse and a movement to get the United States Department of Agriculture to establish grades for the commodity.

Although various leaders in the industry have given aid to tobacco men in meeting their problems, those in charge of arrangements for the meeting hope the outgrowth of the conference will be a sound plan through which action can be gotten within a short time.

If grading the crops is decided on, it is pointed out that a farmer, not satisfied with the price offered for his crop will be able to store it in one of the warehouses and raise cash on its value pending final disposition.

In addition to representatives of various farming organizations among them John W. Newman, Versailles, president of the Kentucky Burley Growers' Association; Felix G. Ewing, Clarksville, Tenn., president of the Planters and Growers' Protective Association and Louis Hancock, Dixon, Ky., many agricultural and tobacco men of the State are expected to attend the meeting. W. C. Hanna, Commissioner of Agriculture; W. T. Fowler, Assistant Attorney General of Kentucky; representatives of the Kentucky State College of Agriculture and of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets, will take part.

C. A. Gustafson, Meade, Neb., head of the co-operative marketing department of the American Farm Bureau Federation, president of the Nebraska Farmers' Union and the Farmers Grain marketing Committee of Seventeen, will be one of the principal speakers. He also will attend the State convention of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, which will be held during the two days following this meeting.

While no definite plans have been decided on for the proposed meeting, James R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which represents a membership of 1,500,000 in forty-six States, will be among those delivering addresses.

Geoffrey Morgan, secretary of the Kentucky federation, who is in charge of plans, will confer with Judge Robert W. Bingham to discuss plans for the meeting and to get him to make the address of welcome.

Judge Bingham arranged a conference recently with Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the War Industries Board, for the tobacco growers and warehousemen through which beneficial information and counsel were obtained.

Business Change.

For the past 33 years, Mr. W. O. Rigney has been one of the foremost funeral directors of Garrard county and we might say, second to none in the State; and after so many years of hard and efficient work, he has felt that new young blood should be injected into his business and as a result of this conclusion, has taken in as a partner, his son-in-law, Mr. W. B. Dickerson, who has faithfully, conscientiously and satisfactorily assisted him for the past three years, and today is considered quite as good as the senior partner.

Mr. Dickerson will be thoroughly endowed with a certificate as an embalmer and will then be able to lift the heavy and important work from the shoulders of Mr. Rigney, who deserves a well earned rest. The new firm will be known as W. O. Rigney and Company.